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For: A CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ACHIEVING QUALITY ENSURED  
COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is  
attached.

3. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence  
development in accordance with Claim 1, **characterised** in that the distributed  
computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

4. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 1, **characterised** in that said at least one first memory device, said at least one third memory device and said at least one fourth memory device are comprised of at least one first server device; and in that said at least one second memory device is comprise of a second server device.

5. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 2, **characterised** in that each computer device includes a reproduction device or display, where different cursors on the display indicate different statuses of a course section in respect of a given individual.

7. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5, **characterised** in that a fourth cursor functions to start and stop the recording of the time spent on a respective course section by the recording device.

8. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 5, **characterised** in that a fifth cursor enables an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

9. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 1, **characterised** in that access to the control system is obtained through the medium of a password and/or security codes.

13. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 11, **characterised** in that the method also comprises the step of using a fifth cursor displayed on the display device to enable an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

1      14. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 11, **characterised** in that the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

15. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 10, **characterised** in that the method also includes the step in which when study material has been revised in the second memory device, the revised study material is distributed to those individuals who have chosen the course section affiliated with said study material.

16. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with claim 10, **characterised** in that access to the control system is obtained by entering a password and/or security codes.

**REMARKS**

The amendments to the claims are made to delete multiple dependencies--no new matter has been added. Examination of the claims as amended is requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

3. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 1-2] Claim 1, **characterised** in that the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

4. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 1-3] claim 1, **characterised** in that said at least one first memory device, said at least one third memory device and said at least one fourth memory device are comprised of at least one first server device; and in that said at least one second memory device is comprise of a second server device.

5. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 2-4] claim 2, **characterised** in that each computer device includes a reproduction device or display, where different cursors on the display indicate different statuses of a course section in respect of a given individual.

7. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with Claim 5 [or Claim 6], **characterised** in that a fourth cursor functions to start and stop the recording of the time spent on a respective course section by the recording device.

8. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 5-7] claim 5, **characterised** in that a fifth cursor enables an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

9. (Amended) A control system for achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 1-8] claim 1, **characterised** in that

access to the control system is obtained through the medium of a password and/or security codes.

13. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [Claim 11 or Claim 12] claim 11, **characterised** in that the method also comprises the step of using a fifth cursor displayed on the display device to enable an individual to communicate with a teacher in writing.

1 14. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 11-13] claim 11, **characterised** in that the distributed computer network is the Internet or a Wide Area Network (WAN).

15. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 10-14] claim 10, **characterised** in that the method also includes the step in which when study material has been revised in the second memory device, the revised study material is distributed to those individuals who have chosen the course section affiliated with said study material.

16. (Amended) A method of achieving quality ensured competence development in accordance with [any one of Claims 10-15] claim 10, **characterised** in that access to the control system is obtained by entering a password and/or security codes.